

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 206

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Westley Taylor, 2007 Valedictorian of Seymour High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Westley Taylor is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Seymour High School (SHS); and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Taylor has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Westley has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young man has earned numerous other accolades; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs, Westley is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Beta Club, Spanish Club, Science Club, and SHS's Scholars Bowl, Soccer, and Rock Climbing teams; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among his peers, he has served with distinction as President of the National Honor Society, Secretary of the State Beta Club, and as his school's delegate to Boys State; he has also participated in the AWANA Leader in Training and Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success as a student at Vanderbilt University, where he will continue his education this fall; and

WHEREAS, Westley's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Doug and Gail Taylor, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Westley Taylor's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Westley Taylor, 2007 Seymour High School Valedictorian, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.